



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 4197-99

14 February 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 9 February 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 17 August 1998 at age 18. At that time, you certified in writing that you were a high school graduate. Documentation in the record indicates that you produced a high school diploma in support of your statement.

It appears that while at recruit training, during the "moment of truth," you disclosed that you were not a high school graduate. An investigation confirmed this disclosure, and revealed that the high school diploma was a forgery. Accordingly, on 18 November 1998 the commanding officer directed your separation. On 23 November 1998 you received an entry level separation by reason of erroneous entry. At that time you were assigned a reenlistment code of RE-4.

The Board noted that regulations authorize the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code to individuals who are separated due to erroneous enlistment. Based on your apparent dishonesty during the enlistment process, the Board concluded that this code was

appropriately assigned. It means that you may not reenlist in the Navy without prior approval of the Commander, Navy Personnel Command. Although you contend that the recruiter provided the false high school diploma, you have submitted no evidence in support of this contention, and the record contains no such evidence. The Board thus concluded that there is no error or injustice in your reenlistment code. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director